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1. SPENT SEVENTY-FIVE MINUTES WITH DR. BELLMORE APRIL
22. HE IS AFFLICTED WITH TOTAL
RECALL. DURING CONVERSATION HE TOLD ME QUITE A BIT
ABOUT HIS ACTIVITIES AND VISITS OF VARIOUS ALGERIAN
MEDICAL PEOPLE TO THE U.S., BUT SHED VERY LITTLE LIGHT
ON WHAT WE MIGHT DO ABOUT MINISTER OF HEALTH'S MODEST
REQUEST FOR A LITTLE HELP WITH MEDICAL EXCHANGES.
BELLMORE'S KNOWLEDGE AND CONTACTS HERE LIMITED TO
MILITARY. HE HAS MANY USEFUL TIDBITS ABOUT LATTER,
WHICH I HAVE ASKED HIM TO WRITE DOEWN AND GIVE TO
WEISLOGEL. HE KNOWS NOTHING, HOWEVER, ABOUT MINISTRY OF
PUBLIC HEALTH. ONLY POTENTIALLY RELEVANT INFORMATION
HE SUPPLIED WAS THAT DEAN OF MEDICAL SCHOOL HAS ARRANGE-
MENT WITH JOHNS HOPKINS FOR STUDY OF ALGERIAN DOCTORS
THERE, AND MILITARY HAVE SOME SORT OF OKLAHOMA
GUARANTEE FROM ACTING DIRECTOR NIH ABOUT DOING RESEARCH
THERE. LATTER ASSUMES ALGERIANS HAVE A MEDICO WITH
ENOUGH SERIOUS BACKGROUND TO DO RESEARCH IN U.S.

2. LETTER FROM DR. CORDAY RECEIVED PRIOR TO MY MEETING
WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WAS BASIS FOR MY RAISING
SUBJECT OF CARDIOLOGIST VISIT WITH HIM. I SENT REPLY
TO CORDAY ON APRIL 4.

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3. NOW, PLEASE FORGET BELLMORE AND TELL ME
IF DEPARTMENT CAN HELP WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH'S REQUEST.
FOR DEPARTMENT'S CONVENIENCE I LIST HERE THE THREE TYPES
COOPERATION HE SUGGESTED.

A. SHORT VISITS SUCH AS PROPOSED ONE BY AMERICAN
COLLEGE OF CARDIOLOGY TO GIVE SEMINARS.

B. VISITS OF LONGER DURATION BY MEDICAL TEAMS
WHICH WOULD PRACTICE HERE.

C. VISITS TO U.S. BY ALGERIAN DOCTORS, WHO WOULD
DO SHORT PERIOD OF RESIDENCY IN AMERICAN TEACHING
HOSPITALS. ALGERIANS WOULD PAY TRAVEL BUT WANT US (OR
SOMEONE) TO PICK UP LIVING EXPENSE TAB AT HOSPITALS.

4. IN WELL-ORDERED SITUATION WE WOULD HAVE SOME CU
MONEY TO FINANCE PARTIAL GRANTS FOR VISITORS IN CATEGORY
(C) IF NOT (B). UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE LOCKED INTO A
PROGRAM OF SUPPORTING 12 ALGERIAN PHD STUDENTS
FOR WHAT AMOUNTS TO AN ETERNITY AS FAR AS OUR IMMEDIATE
PURPOSES ARE CONCERNED ' THE LAST ONE EMERGES FROM HIS
CHRYSLIS IN 1978, GOD WILLING). I DO NOT KNOW WHY WE
EVER COOKED UP THAT ARRANGEMENT, BUT HOPE THIS WILL
BE A WARNING TO THOSE WHO COME AFTER.

5. WHAT WE NEED NOW IS TO GENERATE ALTERNATE FUNDING
OF SOME SORT. THERE ARE SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES WHICH
COME TO MIND:

A. GET SOMEONE ELSE TO PICK UP ALL OR PART OF THE
PHD PROGRAM.

B. GET PRIVATE MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS IN U.S. TO
PICK UP ALL OR PART OF COSTS FOR ALGERIAN DOCTORS. WHAT
ABOUT EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL FOR FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES
ROUTE, FOR EXAMPLE? WHO IS ELIGIBLE AND
WHERE ARE EXAMINATIONS GIVEN?
THIS WOULD NOT MEET MINISTER OF HEALTH'S IMMEDIATE
NEEDS, BUT MIGHT PROVIDE BASIS FOR LONGER TERM STUDIES.
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C.FIND SOME MORE CU MONEY FOR THIS POST.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE CU AND AFN EXPLORING ALL THREE
ALTERNATIVES AND ADVISING AS TO POSSIBILITIES. WITH
REGARD TO MORE CU FUNDS FOR THIS POST, AM WELL AWARE
OF BUDGETARY PROBLEMS. FACT IS, HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO
POSSIBILITY SENDING ANY VISITORS AT ALL TO U.S. UNDER

PRESENT CONDITIONS. WHETHER FOR MEDICAL PROGRAMS OR
OTHERS, WE SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST SOME MONEY TO ALLOCATE
TO IV'S. WE DO NOT NEED A GREAT DEAL. DOLS 15 TO
20,000 WOULD BE AMPLE, BUT WE DO NEED SOMETHING IF
WE EXPECT TO DO ANYTHING WITH CU PROGRAM LOCALLY.PARKER

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